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JAN KEROSENE YOJNA
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is again reviewing the 'Jan Kerosene Yojna' started in year 2005;

(b) the total number of families benefitted from the said yojna;

(c) whether the Government has received information regarding the selling of adulterated kerosene under the said yojna; and

(d) if so, whether the sanction is being given to start smart card scheme by changing the said yojna?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a): To streamline the PDS Kerosene distribution system and contain diversion of kerosene for adulteration and other unauthorised usages, Jan Kerosene Pariyojna (JKP) had been launched initially for a period of 6 months on a pilot basis in 414 blocks with effect from 2.10.2005. The Pilot scheme has now been extended upto 31.8.2007.

(b): Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that they don't have data about the number of families in the country who have benefitted from the JKP.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): With the objective of ensuring that the PDS-SKO reaches the targeted BPL consumers in an efficient and cost-effective manner and to prevent any leakages, this Ministry had proposed introduction of Smart Card System on pilot basis in Nainital (Uttaranchal), Nalanda (Bihar) and Latur (Maharashtra). In view of unfavourable response from the State Governments the pilot Smart Card Scheme for distribution of PDS −SKO to BPL families has not been implemented.